GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:117
ANSWERED ON:26.11.2002
CASES OF RELIGIOUS CONVERSION
BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH;LAXMINARAYAN PANDEY

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of cases of religious conversion have been reported recently in the counrty;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise and reaction of the Government thereto;

(c) whether a demand has been made in the country that the Central Government should enact a law to stop conversions by allurement or force;

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto;

(e) whether such a law exists in any of the States; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI)

(a)to(f): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (f) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.117 D/ 26.11.2002 REGARDING CASES OF RELIGIOUS CONVERSION

(a) & (b): Some cases of religious conversions have been reported from different States recently. However, no such data is maintained by the Central Government.

(c) & (d): No specific request has been received to this effect and at present, there is no proposal to enact such a law by Union Government.

(e) & (f): Such a law exists in the States of Arunachal Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh and Orissa.Recently Tamil Nadu Assembly has also passed a bill on the subject.